

Preface

This volume is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Bálint ZÓLYOMI member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, who died on the 21th September, 1997. The Hungarian Botany and Palynology believed that we will should cherish his 90th birthday, but the regrettable event upsetted this hope.

He was one of the most famous researcher of phytogeography but his palynological results are also well appreciated worldwide. Multidisciplinarity characterized his scientific researches. He was always fond of palynological researches, and he took part as president at the Hungarian paleobotanical/palynological meetings.

Long time ago, when Dr. ZÓLYOMI was the president of the Hungarian Botanical Commission of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, I was the secretary. During this time I learned a lot from him in every respect, these years were very fruitful for me. We lost a really very great scientist, and a very nice benevolent man.

Accordingly to the tradition of our Laboratory on the 21th August the following persons were awarded with Commemorative Medal of the Laboratory:

Prof. Dr. Eszter NAGY (Hungarian Geological Institute, Budapest), for her outstanding results of the Hungarian Neogene Palynology, and for her self-sacrificing efforts for Palynology and Paleobotany in Hungary.

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Prof. Dr. Edward A. STANLEY (Ardmore, PA, U.S.A.). Our scientific career started at the same time and in the same review (Pollen et Spores, Paris). His monograph on the Upper Cretaceous and Paleocene sediments of North America is a basic work on this subject. This was followed by a joint scientific research program (N.S.F. - K.K.I.). LM, TEM and SEM methods were used for *Normapolles* and some selected *Postnormapolles* taxa of North America (U.S.A.), and Europe (France, Hungary).

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